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Filed: **March 17, 2004**) Docket No.: **H169 1650.1**
For: **VEHICLE SEAT WITH FOLD-FLAT POSITION**

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Applicant would first like to thank Examiner Garrett for discussing with the undersigned the procedures for filing this paper, namely to thank the Examiner for suggesting that this paper be sent to the above-identified address rather than Mail Stop Issue Fee.

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DE 199 18 737 A1 and DE 198 10 471 C1 show a spring with a dead center configuration, but without a linkage.

Copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being submitted at this seemingly late date because they were only recently brought to our attention as a result of foreign prosecution; a certification, as specified in paragraph (e)(1) of 37 CFR 1.97, is enclosed herewith.

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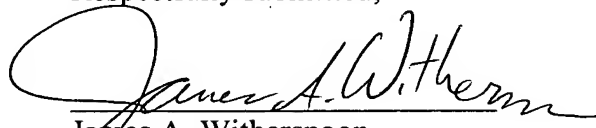
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and 1.17(p), Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge \$180.00 to our Deposit Account No. 09-0528 representing the late filing fee for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO/SB/08A and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that each item of the cited information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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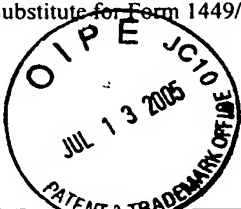
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